

15) were identified. Species A has been prosecuted as US Patents 5,493,878 and 6,112,562. Species B has been prosecuted as US patents 5,502,989 and 6,155,088. Other applications are pending to other species identified in related applications having specific election/restriction requirements other than Species A or Species B.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

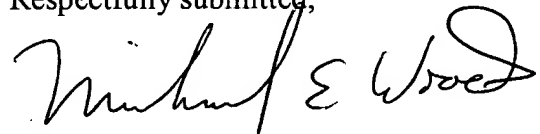
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-393-2000.

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account **50-1193**.

Respectfully submitted,

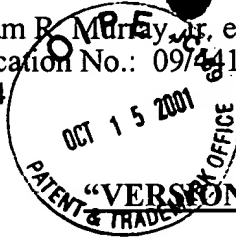


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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

In the claims:

Claims 56-65 have been cancelled.

Claims 71-82 have been cancelled.

1 83. (NEW) A locking system, comprising:
2 a portable electronic device having a wall defining a security slot;
3 a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a
4 locking member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot when in an
5 unlocked position, said slot engagement member being moveable between said unlocked
6 position and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within said security
7 slot;
8 a pin, coupled to said housing and within said security slot when said slot engagement member
9 is in said locked position, for inhibiting movement of said slot engagement member from said
10 locked position; and
11 a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than
12 said portable electronic device.

1 84. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said slot engagement
2 member rotates when moving between said unlocked position and said locked position.

1 85. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said slot engaging
2 portion is complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

1 86. (NEW) The locking system of claim 83 wherein said pin extends into
2 said security slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked position.

1 87. (NEW) The locking system of claim 86 wherein said pin extends
2 through said housing.